

# **Department of Energy**

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Re: Final Request for Proposal No. DE-RP30-09CC40015, for DUF6 Conversion Facilities Operations at Paducah, Kentucky and Portsmouth, Ohio

## Dear Prospective Offerors:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center is releasing the Final Request for Proposals (RFP) for the DUF6, Conversion Facilities Operations at Portsmouth, Ohio and Paducah, Kentucky. The date set for Receipt of Proposals is August 17, 2009. The RFP can be viewed on the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at <a href="http://www.pr.doe.gov">http://www.pr.doe.gov</a> and the DUF6 website at <a href="www.emcbc.doe.gov/duf6">www.emcbc.doe.gov/duf6</a>. Any clarifying questions shall be submitted within 30 calendar days after release of the RFP through the "Submit Questions" feature on the IIPS. DOE asks that this process be used rather than mailing letters, emails, and/or telephone calls. Any amendments issued, responses to questions (if required), and other official communications from the Contracting Officer will be posted to IIPS and the DUF6 Acquisition Web Site. Potential Offerors are encouraged to diligently conduct a through review of the RFP upon receipt, and if there are questions concerning any aspect of the RFP, please submit them as early as possible, but no later than 30 days after issuance of the RFP, so that the acquisition process can proceed in a timely manner.

## Background:

The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a Draft Request for Proposals (DRFP) to promote an understanding of the Government's requirements and to provide for industry comment and/or feedback. During the week of January 16, 2009, DOE held a Presolicitation Conference followed by a site tour of the Portsmouth Conversion Facility. DOE carefully considered all comments received on the DRFP and made appropriate changes to the RFP. Responses to the balance of industry comments will be posted within the next few weeks.

This cover letter highlights some of the changes made from the DRFP. The RFP provides all requirements for the Operation of DUF6. Prospective Offerors are to submit their proposals based solely on the requirements in the RFP. The Offeror is strongly encouraged to read the final RFP in its entirety as not all changes from the draft RFP will be reflected on this document.

### **Site Visit Information**

As noted above, a pre-solicitation conference and site visit was held for the Portsmouth site only during the week of January 16, 2009. DOE will now hold a formal pre-proposal conference and conduct a site visit of both the Portsmouth and Paducah conversion facilities. Registration information for the pre-proposal conference and site visits will be posted to the DUF6 website. All participants must be registered to participate in the site visits. Registration information can be found at: http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/duf6.

The following is a summary of some changes between the DRFP and the final RFP. This list is not all-inclusive.

### Section A

The acronym list was moved to Section J, Attachment J-4.

#### **Section B**

There is no available fee for the three-month Mobilization and Transition period for the contract. The fifty-seven month Basic term of the contract was revised to delineate Mobilization and Transition and Conversion Operations. Total maximum award fee is now limited to 10% of estimated cost excluding transition. Options have been included for hot functional testing at each site.

#### Section H:

Key Personnel and Sales provisions were revised

#### Section L

Section L also underwent rewrites to clarify the definition of a major subcontractor (performing work estimated to be \$10 million or more), added DOE Provided Costs, made clarifications to Proposal Preparation Instructions – Volumes I, Offer and Other Documents, Volume II, Technical Proposal and Volume III, Cost and Fee Proposal. Section also includes a new Organizational Conflict of Interest statement submission.

Prospective Offerors are responsible for checking IIPS and the DUF6 web site frequently for information, notices, and updates regarding this solicitation. We look forward to receiving your proposals and moving on the next phase of this procurement.

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